



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 31, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Carothers, RDH
Judy Morrison, RDH
Amber Riley-Burns, RDH

MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
David Hemion, Assistant Executive Director – Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at the Department of Health, Town Center 2, Room 158, 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater WA 98501.

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Judy Morrison, RDH acting chair.

1.1 Introductions

Jennifer Bressi was introduced to the Committee as the new Program Manager for Dental Hygiene.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with additional handout to Item #8 and the correction of the day of the meeting, Tuesday, July 31, 2007. The handouts included two American Dental Association news articles, Western Regional Examining Board executive director announcement, Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc (CRDTS) meeting information, and a Seattle Post-Intelligencer article.



- 1.3 Approval of May 4, 2007 meeting minutes
The minutes were approved with the correction to include the date of the next meeting, July 31, 2007.

2. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 Education requirements for licensure applicants
A rules hearing will be held on August 31, 2007 in Tumwater to hear testimony for support or opposition to WAC 246-815-030 rule language changes. The proposed changes will amend the reference to a particular month and year of accreditation standards. This rule will allow the Department of Health to accept students graduating from dental hygiene schools accredited by the American Dental Association, based on Commission on Dental Accreditation standards between January 1993 and June 2007 as meeting the standards for licensure.
- 2.2 American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX)
As directed by the committee, Ms. Brown sent a follow up letter to ADHLEX to ask about the questions used on the examination. After further research Ms. Brown informed the Committee that the exam is not yet being administered.
- 2.3 Request to observe the North East Regional Board (NERB) clinical dental hygiene exam.
The committee was given the dates of the NERB clinical examination. Judy Morrison will attend and observe the NERB clinical examination.
- 2.4 Re-examination and remediation rule proposals (Amber Riley-Burns, RDH)
Ms. Riley-Burns provided the committee with a summary of her visit to the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) at the University of South Dakota. The CRDTS candidate's manual states that the only standardization regarding examination failure and remediation CRDTS employs is after three failures of either part of the examination. In these cases CRDTS requires written documentation from the state accepting CRDTS results that the candidate had remediated to that particular state's standards and that the state will accept the results from CRDTS for the candidate's re-examination. If both Parts I and II have not been successfully completed within 18 months of exam registration, both Parts I and II must be retaken. Exams are given April through June and again in November and December.

3. UPDATE ON THE WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE SURVEY

The committee was updated on the regional testing agency and state board survey that had been sent out via e-mail. The survey will provide data to help determine those states that are considered to have substantively equivalent licensing standards. As of today's date, there have been no responses to the survey. The survey is available until the mid August.

4. UPDATE ON THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORK FORCE SURVEY FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

The committee reported its findings regarding the Health Professions Work Force Survey for Dental Hygienists that was mailed to all licensed dental hygienists on March 21, 2007. Ms. Morrison stated the survey was short and took 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Washington State University (WSU) will compile the data and will submit to the department.

5. REPORT FROM MARILYN CAROTHERS, RDH FOR

Marilyn Carothers presented a report on the meetings listed below.

- 5.1. Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Director's Meeting (see attached WREB meeting minutes) – Marilyn Carothers, RDH
- 5.2. Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee (ERC) – Marilyn Carothers – RDH
- 5.3. Western Conference of Dental School of Deans and Administrators – Marilyn Carothers, RDH

6. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

- 6.1. Budget and Charts
Ms. Brown presented the committee with handouts detailing the budget from April 2007 through June 30, 2007. Ms. Brown explained this report did not reflect the final expenditures for the biennium; final numbers will be available in September. The committee will be given the final budget reports at the next meeting.
- 6.2. Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics
Ms. Brown presented licensing and disciplinary statistics for the period of April 19, 2007 through July 18, 2007.
- 6.3. Out of State Travel – WREB and Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS)
Marilyn Carothers, RDH and Judy Morrison, RDH will be attending the annual CRDTS meeting in August 2007.
- 6.4. Staffing
The committee was updated with staff changes that include Jennifer Herbrand as the new Credentialing Manager and current efforts to fill two vacant Office Assistant 3 positions within the unit.
- 6.5. Other
There was no other business to report.

7. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SUBSTITUE HOUSE BILL 1298

The committee was provided draft forms and information on the implementation plan for SHB 1298. Melissa Johnson explained the intent of the forms is to provide the department a process to collect specific data which would not be used for any other purpose. Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1298 is very specific regarding specific data that needs to be collected. The committee will need to begin work on drafting language for "Off-site Supervision," which is not currently defined in rule. A rules workshop will be scheduled to begin drafting rule language.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following handouts were provided to the committee as informational only.

1. American Dental Association (ADA) News
 - a. ADA reaches settlement in Alaska litigation.
 - b. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) settles case with South Carolina dental board.
2. Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) announces new executive director.
3. Central Regional Dental Testing Service Inc, (CRDTS) meeting announcement.
4. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Pilot program aims to keep petite pearly whites healthy.

9. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

Marilyn Carothers presented a letter written to the editor of the Dental Hygiene Newsletter that states there is a disparity in the location of the WREB exams.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – no handout

1. 2008 meeting dates
2. 1099 – DHEC role for 2012 report
3. Training
4. WREB & CRDTS presentation
5. Begin questionnaire to determine how to report 1298 outcomes
6. CR 101 – draft rules

11. ADJOURNMENT

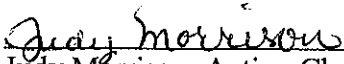
There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2007. The next meeting will be held in SeaTac on Friday, November 2, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:



Jennifer Bressi
Program Manager



Judy Morrison, Acting Chairperson